THE OLD AND NEW YEAR.

As the midnight hour drew nigh, the Old Year stood before me. Weary and wayworn he seemed, and in his hands was an hour glass, whence the last sands were falling. As I looked upon his wrinkled forehead memories both pleasant and mournful came over me.

I spoke earnestly to him: Many blessings hast thou brought me, for which I gave thee thanks. New have they been every morning, and fresh every morning. Thou hast indeed from my heart's garden uprooted some hones I planted there. With their clustering bads they fell, and were never quickened again.9

"Praise God for what I gave and what I took away," he said, "and lay up trensuces in heaven, that the heart may be there also What thou callest bijented hopes are oftimest changed into the fruits of right ou ness."

But I answered: "Thou hast also hidden from my sight the loved and the loving. Clods are strewn upon their faces; they reply to my call no more. To the homes they made fair they return not, and the places that once knew them know them no more forever." Still be said: "Give praise to God. Your

lost are with him. They have preceded you. None can drift beyond his love and care," Then his voice grew faint, and he murmaned, "My mission unto man is done. For me the stone is rolled away from the door of the sepulcher. I will enter in and slumber with all the years of the past forever." And he straightened himself out to die. As

I knelt by his side I said, "Oh, dying year, dear, dying year, I see a scroll beneath thy mantle. What witness shall it bear of me when Time for me is done?"

Low and solemn was his voice: "Thou shalt know when the book of the universe is opened."

The midnight clock t lled, and I covered my face and mourned for his death, for he had once been my friend. I remembered with pain how often I had slighted his warnings, neglected the golden opportunities of growth he had given me, and cast away the precious hours he had been so generous with, and I buried my face and wept. When I again lifted my head, lo! the New Year stood in the place of the Old.

Smiling, he greeted me with good wishes and words of cheer. But I was afraid; for to me he was a stranger; and when I would have returned his welcome my lips trembled and were silent.

Then he said: "Fear not, I come from

the great source of all good, whence come all Trembling, I asked: "New Year, whither

will the ead me! Art thou appointed to bring me joy or sorrow, life or death?"

Looking with glowing eyes into the untrolden future, he replied: "I know not. Neither doth the angel nearest the throne know only He who sitteth thereon. Give me your hand and question not. Enough for thee, that I accomplish His will. I promise thee nothing. Follow me and be content. Take, with a prayer for wisdom, this winged moment. The next may not be mine to give, yet if we walk onward together, forget not that thou art a pilgrin for eternity. If I bring thee a cup of joy be thankful, and be pitiful to those who mourn; and let all men-be unto thee as brethrer. If the dregs of bitt mess cleave unto thy lips be not too eager to receive relief, lest thou betray the weakness of thy faith. God's perfect discipline giveth wisdom. Therefore count those happy who endure. When morning breaketh in the east, gird thyself for thy duties with a song of thanksgiving, and w.en night putteth on her coronet of stars look over the day just gone and let its failures and blunders guide thee to better things on the morrow, so that

Like wind flies Time 'tween birth and death; There fore, as long as thou heat breath
Of care for two days held thou free
The day that was and is to be.
— Conar Khayyam.

when I have no longer any days or nights to

give thee, and must myself die, thou wilt bless me as a friend and a helper on the road

New Thought for the New Year. The new year ought to mean new thought if the old has been oppressive. The new year's resolve has something of the divinity in it, early and often as it is broken. Even the resolve to break of some old habit is a stride ferward, a step upward. Every re form, every upbliffding must have its origin in a new thought. A thought has behind every action.

In making new resolves, nothing is more necessary than to cultivate the art of forgetting. The reason some people are chronically wretched is because, if they had a screew, a burden or a disgrace, they are forever tiduk ing about it, and so forever remaining conscious of it. They carry it in their mind, which is really keeping it alive all the time. Did they but know it, the world would soon forget it if they would allow it to. If they would throw it out of their mind and compel it to stay out it would cease to exist. No lin man soul ever grew upward who nursed his former blunders, failures and sins in his

"How can I forget my woes?" says one "They inhabit my mind incessantly, and I can't get a minute's respite from their tur-ture. Yes, you can. Bring into your minute, new, fresh, good thought and the old, op-pressive, soul destroying kind will leave, be-cause it will not feel at home with the new. When you light up a room you don't first try to drive the dark out. You make a light and, lo! the dark is gone. It cannot stay where light is. It is the very same with despondent and destructive thought-it leaves when there are no dark corners in the mind

for it to lurk in.

Thought is something more than "airy nothings of the brain." It is substance, the finest substance in the universe, the invisible motor of mankind, mentally and physically, for it is behind every movement, every action. Prentice Mulford says:

"To learn to forget is as necessary and useful as to learn to remember. We think of many things every day which it would be more profitable not to think of at all. To be able to forget is to be able to drive away the unseen force (thought) which is injuring us, and change it for a force for order of thought to benefitus. To-day thousands on thousands never think of controlling the character of their thought. They allow their minds to They never say of a thought that is

troubling them, 'I won't think of it.' Un-consciously, then, they demand what works them ill, and their bodies are unde sick by the kind of thought which they allow their minds to faster on. An ugly or melancholy mood of mind is a devil. It can make us sick,

lose us friends and lose us money. So the resolves that abound on New Year's morning are wise and well. They are the beginning of good action. They may fall into ruins before the day is out, but having once entered the hand they will come buck again if encouraged.

THE OLD AND THE NEW.

December's sun is low; the year is old; Through fallen leaves and flying flakes of snow The aged pilgrim climbs the mountain cold. But look! the summits in the afterglow!

The flerce winds hold their breath: the rocks give way: The stars look down to guide her up the height; And all around her lonely footsteps play Auroral waves of spiritual light.

Nothing before her but the peak, the sky! Nothing? Ah, look! beyond is everything! over these mountains greener valleys lie; A happier New Year, an eternal Spring!

That great mystery of Time, were there no other, the illimitable, silent, never resting thing called Time, rolling, rushing on, swift, silent like an all embracing ocean tide, on which we and all the universe swim like exhalations, like apparitions which are, and then are not; this is forever very literally a miracle-a thing to strike us dumb-for we have no word to speak about it. - Carlyle,

OLD WEATHER PREDICTIONS.

If New Year's eve night wind blow south It betokeneth warmth and growth; If west, much milk, and fish in the sea; If north, much coll and storms there will be; If east, the trees will bear much fruit; If northeast, flee it, man and brute.



Wind the mighty secrets of the past, And turn the key of Time!

Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year. No man bas learned anything rightly until he knows that every day is doomsday,-Emerson,

ON NEW YEAR'S MORN.

A boat sailed out on the ebbing tide, To toil all night for fish in the sea; The sails were set as she floated free And tossed the foaming waves aside: And the fisherman said as he sailed away, "I come not back till the break of day."

The wind arose and the sea was wild, And the angry waves obeyed the gale; The fisherman thought as he furled the sail, Of a cottage home, of wife and child; And he said as he toiled, "God, I pray, Thou wilt keep me safe till the break of day."



But never a boat on its bosom lay, And all but one were in the bay: Oh! where could the beat and the fisher be? The fisherman's soul had sailed away
As the dawn was breaking of New Year's day,



The infant at the blackboard rubbing off the old record is one of us, for we are all bildren and always will be in wisdom. The



The days are made on a Joon whereof the warp and woof are past and future time.-Emerson.

Time: the beautifier of the dead, Adorner of the ruin, comforter And only healer when the heart hath bled -Time! the corrector where our judgments err. The test of truth, love-sole philosopher. For all beside are sophists, from thy thrift, Which never loses though it doth defer-

Time, the avenger! unto thee I lift My bands, and eyes, and heart, and crave of thee -Byron-Childe Harold.

HEALTH PLOBLEMS.

In Case of Accidents-A New Treatment in Consumption.

A new method for the treatment of consumption is now attracting the attention of medical men. Remed es are injected directly into the lungs by means of a hypodermic syringe, the needle of which is passed through the wall of the chest, in order to introduce the medicine as nearly as possible to the affected part of the hings. Carbolized iodine thus introduced has acted the most favorably, eausing cessation of cough and expectoration, and arresting the further spreading of the

Emergencies.

In case of a cut or wound decide first whether the blood comes from an artery or a vein. If it is of a dark color, cozes slowly and evenly, it is from a vein, while if from an artery, it will be bright red and spart in jets. In the former case you can generally check the bleeding by binding on a hard pad. In the latter case tie the limb with a twisted handkerchief or cloth between the wound and the body. Then apply cold cloths, ice, or, in severe cases, cloths dipped in a solution of alum or tannin. As soon as the bleeding is checked bring the edges of the cut closely together with adhesive plaster. If any matter forms wash the cut frequently with a solution of carbolic acid, one part of the acid to 100 parts of the water.

If a sprained ankle occurs, remove as quickly as possible the shoe and stocking Wash frequently with cold salt water, and if there is much beat in the joint, apply cloths wet with witch hazel, which is generally on hand in the family medicine chest. Keep the foot elevated, and cool, do not stand on it, and move it as httle as possible. For the sting of a bee or the bite of any insect, apply a bruised onlon, ammonia diluted, witch hazel or bi-carbonate of soda to the part

ache; a drop of warm olive oil mixed with an equal amount of laudanum will often relieve this if dropped in the car. Pince a little cotton, well saturated with chloroform, in the bowl of a clay pipe; insert the stem into the ear of the sufferer and blow gently. The evaporating chloroform will relieve the pain immediately. If there is any foreign subbrush or the corner of a soft handkerchief. to neutralize the alkali and remove the par- him as being without a bodily form, alticles as directed.

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Admit the Spulight.

cool our mere are people who at all seasons be like Christ's glorious body, ings indirectly affect imaginary ones.

GOOD BEHAVIOR.

Train the Little Folks-To Secure an In the New Testament - use plurality be Introduction.

The introduction of a man to a woman whom he has been casually introduced, is often a problem of a good deal of delicacy and quite difficult to solve. There seems to ciple in the premises. That is, there must be a third person to make the introduction. Several methods exist for forming ac-

visitor. He may secure the offices of a to call on a woman to whom he has been house is one's castle, and, although those met in social life should all be treated for the time being courteensity, future recognition is by image of God created he him. no means obligatory. One often meets many people with whom a more intimate acquaintance may not be desired.

Youthful Politeness.

The training of children in those matters which mark good beering, should begin at not only made man in I woman for each on early age. A boy 5 years old is none too other, but also for their children. The ideal a lady; not to pass between people who is connection with some family (compare are taking together; to stand until ladies are Eph. ii, 11, 15, Revised Version). Man in seated. All such things are acquired for his creation is made king of the curth, more easily by early drilling than they can Every living thing is subject to him. ever be alb rwards. Indeed it is questionable iden is not a bad one. Expunge the old whether any one who has been brought up verses it is implied that God originally gave record and begin again. The future is all without such training can ever acquire that the head to man for food. It is only after tleman or lady. -- Exchange.

Ouestion of a Pew in Church.

I take the liberty of asking you a question, which puzzles me a good deal, and about which I am undecided in my own mind, I own a pew in a church that I attend, and am in the habit of taking a young lady friend to church in the evening. The pew she usually occupies belongs to an aunt. I have been in the habit of taking her to my own pew. Now, will you please inform me whether I am committing a breach of etiquette in doing so. If I take a lady to ride, I take her in my conveyance. If I take her to the theatre I provide the seats. Now, why should she not sit in my pew when I escort her to church? ESCORT.

This is a theologico-social question, with a remarkably delicate shade of difference between the two methods of action. The argument used as indicating the main pew as the proper place for sitting, would at first sight seem conclusive, but they do not prove the not supposed to have a box at the theatre. but she hasa pew in the church attended, and under the circumstances, it would seem more fitting that escorting her to a place at which mention of the creation of sun and moon she is a regular attendant, the man should sit and the host of heaven is leveled against with her in her own pew. But let "Escort" the adoration of these bodies, which was not despond. Now, the preference in these so prevalent among some of the nations of little matters goes all with the lady. In the antiquity.

sweet by and bye, he will probably lead her Length of the Divine Week (v. 2). - it is sweet by and bye, he will probably lead her to ber own pew by right, and where he will a question which has been much discussed sit at one end and she at the other.

THE BEGINNING.

The History of Redemption.-The Old Testament contains the history of redemption. It deals mainly with Israel, because Israel was the people of redemption. To them were committed the oracles of God; from them in the fullness of time Jesus Christ came. The lessons of the first quarter are in Genesis, which treats of the boginning of the universe, of man, of the na-tions and of Israel. It mentions other nations, because in the history of redemption salvation is to be provided for them

The Bible and Science.—The Bible is not a scientific text book. Its true character is indicated in 2 Tim. iii, 16-17. The evidence of its divine origin is not in the fact that it agrees, or does not disagree, with the latest researches of the astronomer or the geologist. If the Bible could thus be harmonical in every age with the conflicting theories of men of science, it would indeed be open to the charge that anything may be proved from Scripture.

Superiorlly of the Bible. But the first chapter of Genesis is infinitely above anything that man's wisdom has attained or can attain. It teaches with certainty that in the beginning God created the heaven and the carth. Men without knowledge of the Bible have believed in a Creator. They have seen the evidence in the works around and above them; but their accounts of creation are intermingled with the grossest superstitions. We need only to read the account of creation as given in heathen cosmogonies to see the divine origin of that which we have in our Bible, and we may se certain that science can never drop its plummet line so low as to disprove the sublime statement, "In the beginning God cre-ated the heaven and the earth."

THE LESSON.

stance in the eye take hold of the lashes reach the climax of God's creative work. It of the upper lid with the left hand and, is written of the creation of lower animals, pressing the dull point of a pencil against the "Let the waters bring forth;" "Let the middle of the lid, turn it upwards, then re- earth bring forth;" but when we come to move the substances with a camel's hair the crown of creation we read, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." Particles of lime often cause great pain if Men are expressly forbidden to try to make they get into the eye. Apply weak vinegar an image of God. The Scriptures represent though his hand, his eye, etc., are often In case of the peculiar ringing, rattling mentioned by a necessity of human speech cough that heralds croup, send for a doctor, as symbols of power and knowledge. But Until he arrives, give an emetic; ipecae in there is an outward expression which must teaspoonful doses every five minutes until be suited to deity. Such a form as Christ vomiting ensues, is the easiest to give a child; had on the mount of transfiguration, and, put hot, moist poultices of flaxeed or hops such pechaps, as the Angel of Jehovah ason the throat and upper part of the chest. A sumed in his visits to the patriarchs. When hot bath will often give relief. - Selma Clare we read of the image and likeness of God, we are to anderstand not only an independent personality, which has the power of choice, and whom God especially makes ruler over all his creatures, but also that A prevailing custom is the exclusion of sun- man was created with a body most fitted to light from dwellings. In summer, especially, express that personality, and which was a houses are kept dark that they may be kept type of the resurrection body, which is to

ares fearful of fading their carpets and up- Trinity of the Godhead .- We are not to holstery teat they are jealous of every ray suppose that the doctrine of the trinity is that is admitted. Not only does the body clearly taught in this passage, where God but t e mad need anlight. A southern ex- says, "Let us make man," although it is inposure is always preferable to a northern one, deed germinally contained in it, since that as set of its sunshine. A room into which doctrine is first distinctly set forth in the the sunlight may be admitted is conducive to New Testament. Nor does God (Elohim) health and spirits. Cheer'ul real surround- address the angels, for the Scriptures clearly teach that they are not sharers in the work of creation; but in the Old Testament sense God contains everything that is divine in himself. He is plantify in unity, hence his name Elohim, which is a plural form. comes a unity, although even in the Ola Testament we read of the Chirit of God as whom he would like to visit, or the forming active in the creation of man'er and of man of a more intimate acquaintance with one to and of the Angel of Jehovah, the God ot revelation, who corresponds to the Son of God in the New Testament. Thus we have intimations of the doctrine of the trinity in be but one fundamental unchangeable prin- the Obl Testament, which prepare the way

for a more complete unfolding in the New. Man not "Evolvet" (v. 27) -This verse is a fatal blow to the doctrine of the evoluqualitances wherein the man becomes a tion of man from the lower animals. Even recognized visitor at the house of the lady. If the missing monkey should be found that He may be invited by some member of the is said to constitute the lost link between family to which she belongs. He may be in spes and man, still the scientists would not vited to some social gathering at the house, be able to prove that he was the progenitor which at once puts him on the footing of a of him who was made in the image of God. In some of the museums one sees wax figures mutual friend, who should first secure the re- which bear startling resemblances to corquired permission to bring the one desiring tain historical personages, but no power of the acquaintance to call. In some cities it is man could give a wax figure a soul, and no regarded proper for a man to ask permission power of nature can ever transform the highest type of ape into the lowest type of introduced, but this method should be exerman. In man's possession of a soul there eised with great caution, if at all. One's is a great gulf fixed between him and the lower animals. Our greatest wisdom it, "So God created man in his own image, in the

The distinction of sex was also created by Cod. Woman is mm's counterpart (Gen. 2-18; Hebrew, a help as over against him). In the divine order, then, man and woman supplement each other, and are designed to walk and work together.

Marriage (v. 28) is honorable in all. God young to be taught to take off his hat to life even for these who are commercial is

Food for man (vs. 29, 39 .—In these verses it is implied that God originally gave nabitual courtesy which muchs the true gen the delage that he cole analy bestows on him the use of animal feed often ix, 3). We may not say that the destruction of animal life is to be considered the result of the fall, although in the picture of Paradisc regained the lion is said to cat straw like the ox.

All Things Good (v. 31) .- At the end of the sixth day God's creative work reached its culmination. Each stage, except the second, in the first week is pronounced good: bet on the evening of the sixth day, when man, the lord of creation, who is a little lower than God (Ps. viii; 5, Bevised Verdon), takes his throne, the throne of all ses that it is very good.

Creation Finished (Gen. i. 1. - The seventh day is of such importance that it is specially introduced by the emphatic statement that God had finished his creative work. Aithough chief attention has been siven in the first chapter of Genesis to an account of the creation of the earth as the abode of man and is the theater of human astory, yet all other planetary sytems, which have already been indicated in Gen. i. 1-16, are included in the words, "And case. The difference lies in this. The lady is all the host of them," since the word "heet," which literally signifies an army, is not only applied most commonly to the host of angels, but also to the stars by some that

as to the length of the divine week. Some

DR. CURTISS' NOTES ON THE SUN-DAY SCHOOL LESSON.

Lesson I for Sunday, Jan. 2, 1887-Lesson Text, Gen. i, 26-31-Golden Text, Gen. i, 1: "In the Beginning God Created the Heaven and the Earth."

through the Messiah.

Creation of Man (Gen. i, 26).-Here we

think that we have here seven human days. But even centuries before the era of modern science Augustine (died 430 A. D.) maindefinite duration. As we have seen that be spoken of as creating the world in a pamphlet and specimen. W. W. Huiton, Pittsburg, Pa.

iii, S., any more than we should that he is like one of ourselves. The Seventh Day of Rest and Worship v, 3).—Two elements are recognized in setting apart the seventh day (not yet called the Sabbath-Ex. xvi, 23 -1. It is a day of rest from toil; 2. It is sanctified—that is, it is set apart from ordinary and common usages to a sacred purpose. There is now no difficulty in theory in getting men to observe the Sabbath as a day of rest from labor, but there is a growing tendency to forget that God sanctified it to be employed in his service. Men do not realize that in proportion as they break down the sacredness of the day, in the plea that they make for the poor to enjoy a holiday of rest and recreation, that they are opening the flood

as we are created in the image of God, yet

we should not think that his week is of the

same length as ours (Ps. lxl, 4; Peter

FROM LIFE TO DEATH

a holy day. -Sunday School World.

gates for robbing them of it as a day of

rest, as is so often seen on the continent. In

man's degenerate thought it is in danger of

becoming a holiday. In God's purpose it is

is but a moment if rheumatism or neuralgia strikes the heart. These diseases are the most painful and the most dangerous of any to which human kind is liable. They fly from one part to another without a moment's warning, and liniments and other outward applications are in themselves dangerous because they are liable to drive the disease to some vital organ and cause instant death. Rheumatism and neuralgia are diseases of the blood, and can only be reached by a remedy which will drive from the blood the dangerous acids. Such a remedy is Athlophoros. It has been thoroughly tested and is a safe, sure cure.

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